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## NEWS

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### *Pink Fire Trucks Scheduled here on October 15* **San Marcos Firefighters, Police Officers Care Enough to Wear - and Drive - Pink**

Pink Heals is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping persons who are recovering from cancer treatment.

Pink Fire Trucks will once again visit San Marcos on Friday, October 15 at the Pink Heals Rally which will be held at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. The trucks will make stops downtown at 9:30 a.m., at Central Texas Medical Center at 10 a.m. and Embassy Suites at 11 a.m.



**PINK HEALS:** The Pink Fire Truck supporting the cancer-fighting Pink Heals Campaign will visit San Marcos on October 15. San Marcos firefighters and police are selling pink T-shirts and urging residents to wear pink on October 15.

associations across Texas and was later adopted at the Firefighters Association state convention in 2009, giving rise to the “Pink Heals” campaign.

In San Marcos, firefighters and police officers have joined forces to make this an even bigger event. Together they sold pink t-shirts throughout the community with portions of the proceeds

Vendors will be on site promoting the need for early detection, along with guest speakers, and survivor stories to motivate those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

The concept started when the Tyler Firefighters’ Association Local 883 learned of someone within their own extended family who was diagnosed with cancer.

As a way to support their colleague, the department started selling pink T-shirts to raise funds for cancer research. The campaign was embraced by other firefighters

benefiting the Susan G. Komen Foundation and other portions benefiting organizations within the local community helping those recovering from various stages of cancer.

This year, San Marcos Firefighters and Police Officers decided that the need to raise money simply doesn't stop at just selling pink tees.

- On September 26, 2010 the San Marcos Professional Fire Fighters' Association hosted a 5K walk/run at Tanger Outlet Mall in San Marcos, Texas, to benefit the Pink Heals Campaign. There was a great turnout with over 300 participants. T-shirts were sold to help raise money in the hopes of someday finding a cure for this disease.
- Volunteers gathered for T-shirt sales on October 3 at Wal-Mart, On October 6 at the Activity Center and October 7 at San Marcos High School.
- On Friday, October 8, they will be at the cafeteria of Central Texas Medical Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Monday, October 11, at The Coffee Pot on the Square from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- On Friday, October 15, the Pink Fire Trucks arrive downtown, at CTMC and Embassy Suites.

The San Marcos Professional Firefighters' Association (SMPFFA) with the assistance of the San Marcos Police Officers' Association (SMPOA) invites every one of all ages to come out to both events to support this great cause.

San Marcos Fire and Police ask the community to lend support through the month of October by purchasing a 2010 t-shirt—and to wear pink on October 15. For more information please visit [www.smpffa.com](http://www.smpffa.com) or call 512-393-8490.

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